



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

Consumer privacy is a top priority for me, and I was deeply concerned by this week's news that 143 million Americans' information may have been compromised in the Equifax data hack. For important information on steps to guard yourself from identity theft in the wake of this breach, please refer to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's [guidance](#).

Together with House colleagues, I am sending a letter expressing concern to Equifax about the data breach, its failure to disclose the intrusion in a timely manner, and the impropriety of the sale of company shares by executives only days after the cyberattack. Companies like Equifax must be held accountable for failing to protecting the consumers they serve.

A health help win

After weeks of pressure from our office, the Trump Administration caved on withholding funding from New Hampshire Navigators. While it's unfortunate that some states did not receive the full amount they were promised, I am pleased that our Bi-State Primary Care Association will receive the award it was promised and will not have to lay off any of the people who do this important work for New Hampshire's citizens. Helping Americans sign up for Marketplace coverage has many benefits, including strengthening the risk pool of the individual health insurance market. Conversely, discouraging enrollment could weaken the market and drive up premiums.

Earlier in the week, I sent [a letter](#) with 31 House Democrats urging the Administration to release promised funding for the Navigator program.

Standing up for our Shipyard

This week, the Government Accountability Office [released a report](#) about deteriorating naval shipyard conditions. While this report raises valid and longstanding concerns related to the chronic underfunding of our nation's four public shipyards, this in no way reflects on the dedicated men and women who work at our Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and continue to set the national standard for excellence.

I agree with the GAO that the Navy must develop a comprehensive shipyard capital investment plan and provide regular updates to Congress on its progress modernizing these essential

facilities. For its part, Congress must provide reliable support and end ongoing budgetary uncertainty and sequestration caps.

Employment assistance for New Hampshire veterans

This week, I was pleased to announce that the federal government has renewed its partnership with New England nonprofit [Veterans Inc.](#), which will allow this exemplary organization to continue offering essential employment assistance to veterans in New Hampshire. Their work helps veterans secure good jobs and makes important contributions to the fight against veteran homelessness.

Training Granite Staters for the jobs of tomorrow

I was also pleased to announce that the University of New Hampshire has secured a competitive National Science Foundation grant to launch a [pilot project](#) in collaboration with the state's community colleges and advanced manufacturing partners.

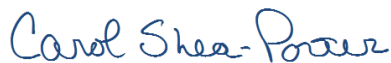
Congratulations to UNH on launching this unique partnership to support students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs at our community colleges. This innovative project will leverage New Hampshire's strengths to address the pressing need for in-state advanced manufacturing workers.

Closing thoughts

It's alarming to see New Hampshire being singled out by the national voter suppression movement. This week, I highlighted the facts about the very, very low frequency of voting fraud ahead of Tuesday's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity meeting at Saint Anselm. [FactCheck.org](#) debunked Commission Vice Chair Kris Kobach's falsehoods about the prevalence of voting fraud in our state. Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities we have, and we must not stand by and allow faith in our democracy to be undermined by bad actors whose true goal is to suppress the votes of students and minorities.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in Congress.

Best wishes,



Carol

This Week's Press Releases

- [Shea-Porter Announces 2017 Congressional App Challenge](#)
- [Shea-Porter, Scott, Polis, Murray, Casey Introduce Comprehensive Child Care and Early Learning Bill to Ensure Families Have Access to Affordable, High-Quality Child Care](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on House Omnibus Vote](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Shipyard GAO Report](#)

- [Shea-Porter Leads 31 House Democrats in Urging Trump Administration to Release Promised Navigator Funding](#)
- [Shea-Porter Highlights the Facts Ahead of Sham Electoral Commission's Meeting in New Hampshire](#)
- [Shea-Porter Announces UNH Project to Address State's Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Needs](#)

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House Dems press Trump to fund ObamaCare outreach groups

The Hill // Nathaniel Weixel

The letter from 31 House Democrats, led by Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (N.H.), pressed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to release funding for navigator groups, which also help with ObamaCare education and outreach. Late last month, the Trump administration announced it was slashing the grant money for navigators by nearly 41 percent, or \$23 million.

UNH Project to address advanced manufacturing workforce needs

Fosters // Staff

The University of New Hampshire has been awarded a \$300,000 National Science Foundation grant to launch a pilot project in collaboration with the state's community colleges and advanced manufacturing partners, according to U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. The partnership will work to address the workforce needs of New Hampshire's advanced manufacturing sector.



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